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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE ON REPORTS ON SECRETARY'S VACATION
IN JAMIACA

1. FOLLOWING EXCHANGE TOOK PLACE AT DEPARTMENT NOON BRIEF-
ING DECEMBER 24:

Q: WHEN DOES THE SECRETARY GO ON HIS VACATION? WHERE IS
HE GOING?

A: HE LEAVES ON DECEMBER 26. HE IS GOING TO JAMAICA. I
BELIEVE HE RETURNS ON THE 3RD OR 4TH. WHILE HE IS IN
JAMAICA HE WILL MEET WITH THE PRIME MINISTER OF JAMAICA,
MR. MANLEY, AND MRS. KISSINGER WILL BE ACCOMPANYING THE
SECRETARY.

2. ABC-TV CARRIED THE FOLLOWING REMARKS ON DECEMBER 24 BY
JACK ANDERSON ON ITS "GOOD MORNING AMERICA" SHOW:

ANDERSON: GOOD MORNING. FOR MORE THAN A YEAR SECRETARY
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OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER HAS PROMISED TO MAKE A DIPLOMATIC

TOUR OF LATIN AMERICA. BUT HE CAN NEVER SEEM TO FIND THE TIME. WELL, NOW HE'S SUDDENLY DISCOVERED URGENT BUSINESS IN JAMAICA.

ACCORDING TO HIS PRESENT PLANS, HE'LL TAKE OFF FOR THE SUNNY CARIBBEAN LATER THIS WEEK. HE'LL SPEND A FEW DAYS IN A SMALL RESORT TOWN NEAR MONTEGO BAY. YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN KISSINGER'S TRIP, BECAUSE YOU'RE HELPING TO PAY FOR IT. HE'LL FLY DOWN IN A JET-STAR ALONG WITH HIS WIFE, NANCY, AND A STAFF OF FORTY. OF COURSE, THIS INCLUDES HIS SECRET SERVICE BODYGUARDS. HIS BULLET-PROOF LIMOSINE WILL BE FLOWN DOWN AHEAD OF HIM, SO IT CAN BE READY AT THE RAMP FOR HIS ARRIVAL. THE TRIP IS NOW LISTED AS OFFICIAL, WITH THE TAXPAYERS FOOTING THE BILL.

WELL, I TRIED TO REACH KISSINGER TO ASK WHAT URGENT GOVERNMENT BUSINESS HE HAS IN JAMAICA. HIS OFFICE CLAIMED HE WILL MEET WITH THE JAMAICAN PRIME MINISTER. MAYBE I'M TOO SUSPICIOUS, BUT TO ME, THIS LOOKS LIKE A CHRISTMAS VACATION AT A COST OF MORE THAN DOLS 25,000 TO THE TAXPAYERS. AND PRESIDENT FORD'S BEEN PREACHING ECONOMY. KISSINGER

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